

# FACT SHEET



## St. John Drum Site Kansas City, Missouri

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### INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 will conduct a removal action at the St. John Drum Site in Kansas City, Missouri, starting mid-November. The site is at 3920 St. John Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. A removal action is an immediate response to address hazardous releases or the threat of those releases into the environment.

The removal action will consist of sampling drums and containers on the site. Those drums or containers found to have hazardous substances will be secured and taken off-site for disposal. It will take about 2 to 3 weeks to complete this project.

### SITE BACKGROUND

The site is an unoccupied building that contains approximately 120, 55-gallon drums and numerous 5 gallon containers. The drums are in varying stages of deterioration, from fully rusted to fully intact.

The city of Kansas City, Missouri performed an asbestos inspection inside the building the first week of September 2000. The city inspector noticed several leaking 55-gallon drums inside the building. The city referred the site to the Missouri Department of

Natural Resources (MDNR).

The MDNR inspector responded and noted numerous deteriorating drums and containers. The state inspector also noticed strong styrene and paint thinner odors.

In September 2000 EPA surveyed the site and conducted limited sampling. Approximately 40 drums and containers were opened and screened. Some of the drums were found to contain hazardous substances.

### REMOVAL ACTIVITIES

Based on EPA's and MDNR's investigations, it appears that hazardous substances may have been released into the environment over a period of time. The removal action will eliminate potential threats to human health and the environment from the drum contents. The removal activities will consist of:

- Moving the trash off the drums in order to get to what is inside the drums.

- Once the drums and containers are accessible, EPA will stage them inside the building. EPA will sample what's in the drums, then divide and group the drums according to the contents. Any hazardous substances found in the drums and containers will be taken off-site for disposal.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, commonly known as Superfund, authorizes EPA to conduct removal actions at a site whenever a hazardous substance is released or there is a threat of a release to the environment.

If you have questions about this fact sheet, or need additional information about this site, please contact:

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